the country, by establishing AIIMS-like institutions in six States, i.e. in Bihar (Patna), Chhattisgarh (Raipur), Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal), Orissa (Bhubaneshwar) Rajasthan (Jodhpur) and Uttaranchal (Rishikesh). In addition upgradation of 13 existing Government Medical College institutions in the States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu has also been taken up under PMSSY. The institutions which has been taken up under upgradation has been decided by the respective State Governments.

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Charter of demands by representatives of SCSI, Nagpur

1231. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that representatives of Sickle Cell Society of India, Nagpur, during November 2004, had submitted a Charter of Demands on the Sickle Cell Patients, which, *inter-alia* included provision of modern diagnostic technology testing of two-months pregnant women residing in sickle cell gene zones, etc;

(b) if so, whether the demands contained in the Charter have been agreed to; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (c) According to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the Council have been receiving communication from Walmiki Vikas Kendra, Nagpur for setting up research and treatment centre for Sickle Cell patients in the area. ICMR under a multicentric study has already established research centres in 10 States for carrying out research on haemoglobinopathies and simple intervention method has been developed to reduce the sickle cell crisis in the affected children and one such centre is located at Medical College, Nagpur.

Death due to negligence of AIIMS doctor

1232. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a 12 year old poor boy from Laddakh was operated upon for minor congenital heart disease by the Chief of CT Centre AIIMS and the boy died within one and half day due to negligent operation by the doctor;

(b) whether Government is aware that records clearly show that instead of operating on patient's small artery, doctor blocked his main artery which supplies blood to the heart;

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken against the careless doctor and inquiry instituted; and

(d) if so, the details of case and what compensation has been paid to the parents of the poor boy?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Autonomy of AIIMS

†1233. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the autonomy of AIIMS has been affected and its functioning too has been seriously affected due to the dispute between him and the director, since long;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the work related to appointment, suspension and removal from a post in AIIMS are being done on the basis of lobbying;

(c) if so, whether Government would take any effective steps to end the chaos prevailing in AIIMS; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (d) The All Indian Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), is an Institute constituted by All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Act, 1956. The Act, Rules and Regulations framed thereunder clearly stipulate the powers and responsibility of various functionaries. The Institute Body, Governing Body, President of the Institute and Director are required to function within the powers as envisaged under the Act, Rules & Regulations. Actions relating to appointment, removal and suspension of faculty taken by President, AIIMS are within his delegated power.

Untoward incidents at Government Hospitals

†1234. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether untoward incidents like man handling and thrashing over treatment of patients at the Government hospitals have gone up;

(b) if so, the details of the incidents occurred at the Government hospitals during past one year and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of doctors' strikes over these incidents and the number of patient's deaths during this period State-wise;

(d) whether the court has passed strictures thereon and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government for streamlining management and treatment in hospitals?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.